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1. I AM VERY DISTRESSED BY NEWS THAT NIKOBAMYE VISIT IS RUNNING INTO PROBLEMS, ESPECIALLY AFTER SUCH A PROMISING START. WHILE QUITE PROTOCOL CONSCIOUS, HE IS ALSO USUALLY VERY EASYGOING AND WILL TO OPERATE ON A MAN-TO-MAN-BASIS. BEFORE LEAVING BUJUMBURA, HE CERTAINLY UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS WAS TO BE AN ORIENTATION, NOT A VIP, VISIT. STILL, HE MAY WANT A BIT MORE ATTENTION FROM TOP SHOTS OF OFFICES, FACTORIES, OR INSTITUTIONS THAT HE IS VISITING, IF THIS HAS NOT SO FAR BEEN FORTHCOMING. "CULTURAL SHOCK" SEEMS IMPROBABLE, SINCE HE HAS NOT ONLY SPENT TWO MONTHS IN NEW YORK FOR UNGA, BUT HAS LIVED SEVERAL YEARS IN BELGIUM.

2. IF IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO TRY TO REINSTATE REST OF PROGRAM, AND IF YOU THINK IT WOULD BE OF ANY HELP, YOU MIGHT PASS A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM ME, NOTING MY UNHAPPINESS AT NEWS OF PROBLEMS AND ASKING HIM TO HAVE RELAYED TO ME ANY SPECIFIC PROCEDURES OR ARRANGEMENTS THAT HE FEELS ARE IMPROPER. YOU COULD REMIND HIM THAT HE AND I DISCUSSED BOTH HIS ITINERARY AND THE SPECIFIC TYPES OF PLACES AND FACILITIES THAT HE WANTED TO VISIT IN AMERICA, AND THAT HE HAD AGREED ON A NUMBER (WHICH HAVE SINCE BEEN PUT INTO HIS SCHEDULE) ON THE GROUNDS THAT THEY WOULD BE MOST BENEFICIAL TO BURUNDI AND TO OUR MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING. I WOULD VERY MUCH HOPE THAT MISUNDERSTANDINGS WOULD

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NOT BE ALLOWED TO UNDERMINE THE OBJECTIVES OF HIS TRIP, TO

WHICH WE BOTH HAVE HAD SUCH A STRONG COMMITMENT.
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